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SUBJECT: US FISHERIES DELEGATION: REPRESENTATIONAL LUNCHEON
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REF: MOSCOW 11518

1. AS NOTED BY EMBASSY, ITINERARY FOR FISHERIES DELEGATION OUTLINED REFTEL SEEMS TO LEAVE LITTLE TIME FOR ACTUAL NEGOTIATION. DEPT CONTACTED SOVIET EMBASSY HERE (FISHMIN-REP ZNAMENSKY, WHO IS TRAVELING TO MOSCOW FOR TALKS), WHO ALSO EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND THEORIZED THAT SCHEDULE MIGHT BE MODIFIED AFTER DELEGATION'S ARRIVAL. IN VIEW OF EXTENSIVE TRAVEL SOVIETS HAVE PLANNED, THIS SEEMS UNLIKELY TO DEPT.

2. WHILE DEPT DOES NOT BELIEVE, IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF FISHERIES ISSUES, THAT WE SHOULD ENGAGE IN MAJOR DEBATE ON ITINERARY, WE DO BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS OUR SERIOUS CONCERNS THAT NEGOTIATING TIME IS INADEQUATE. EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE THAT FISH DEL IS APPRECIATIVE OF INTERESTING SCHEDULE, BUT ASSUMES THAT IF SCHEDULE

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STANDS, NEGOTIATIONS WILL IN FACT BE CONDUCTED DURING

27-29 JULY PERIOD, ALBIET OUTSIDE MOSCOW.

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3. FYI. IN VIEW OF IMMINENT DEPARTURE OF FISH DEL AND FACT THAT DEL WILL BE CONDUCTING OTHER NEGOTIATIONS IN EUROPE, DEL WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW ON SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY CONSULTATIONS MAKE CLEAR SOVIET PURPOSE IS TO AVOID SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS, REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE CONTINGENCY RESERVATIONS FOR DEL TO PROCEED TO WARSAW ON WEDNESDAY. DEL WILL CONSULT WITH EMBASSY ON ARRIVAL.

4. DEPT GREATLY APPRECIATES CHARGE'S EFFORTS REGARDING LUNCHEON. ROBINSON

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